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| In the Matter of               | )                |                     | JUN 21 2002             |
| Amendment of Section 73.202(b) | )                | MM Docket No. 2002- | OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY |
| Table of Allotments            | )                | RM-                 |                         |
| FM Broadcast Station           | )                |                     |                         |
| (Mount Vernon, Illinois and    | )                |                     |                         |
| Okawville, Illinois)           | )                |                     |                         |
| To: Chief, Allocations Branch  |                  |                     |                         |
| Policy and Rules Division      |                  |                     |                         |
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#### PETITION FOR RULE MAKING

Benjamin Stratemeyer ("Mr. Stratemeyer"), the licensee of FM broadcast station WIBV, Mount Vernon, Illinois ("WIBV"), by its attorneys, and pursuant to Sections 1.401(a), 1.420(i) and 73.202(b) of the Commission's Rules and Regulations, hereby petitions the Commission to amend its FM Table of Allotments, Section 73.202(b) of the Commission's Rules, by reallocating Channel 271B1 from Mount Vernon, Illinois to Okawville, Illinois and modifying WIBV's license accordingly.

#### PRELIMINARY STATEMENT I.

Under Section 1.401 of the Commission's Rules, any interested party may petition the Commission to amend its rules or regulations. 47 C.F.R. § 1.401(a) (2001). By filing this Petition, Mr. Stratemeyer is requesting the Commission to amend its FM Table of Allotments with respect to the communities of Mount Vernon and Okawville. 47 C.F.R. § 73.202(b) (2001). As shown below, because this proposal would result in a preferential new arrangement of allotments under the Commission's guidelines, the public interest will be served by amending the FM Table of Allotments as requested herein and by modifying WIBV's license accordingly.

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## Resaurants & Shopping

#### Restaurants

**Burger King** 

The Boiler Room Restaurant

Dairy Queen of Okawville

Hen House Family Reastaurant & Gift Shop

Pizza Man

**Spring Valley Grille** 

Wink's Bar and Restaurant

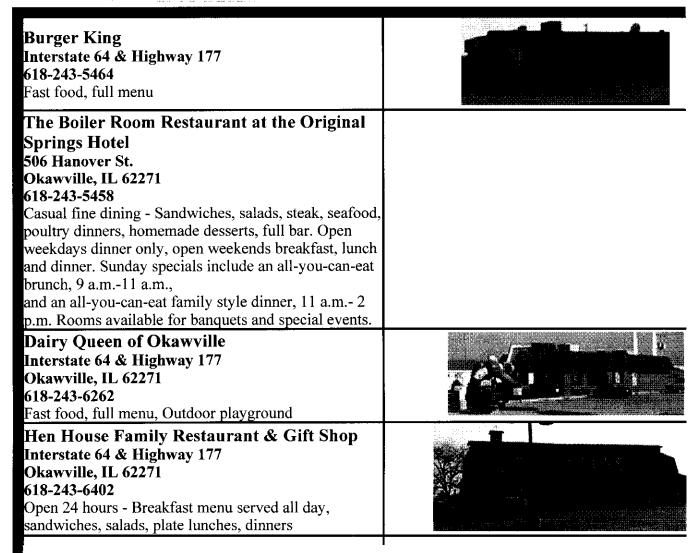
#### **Shopping**

**Annette's Flowers and Gifts** 

Country Lace & Holiday Shop & Green's Decorating

Spring Valley Golf Club and Pro Shop

Wolff's Variety Store



#### II. DISCUSSION

## A. Mr. Stratemeyer's Proposal Is Not Subject to Any Competing Expressions of Interest

This Petition is also being filed pursuant to Section 1.420(i) of the Commission's Rules which allows the FCC to modify a station's authorization to specify a new community of license without affording other interested parties an opportunity to file competing expressions of interest, where, as here, the proposed allotment is mutually exclusive with the station's present assignment. See Modification of FM and TV Authorizations to Specify a New Community of License, 4 FCC Rcd 4870 (1989), recon. granted in part, 5 FCC Rcd 7094 (1990) ("Modification Report and Order"). As demonstrated by the Engineering Exhibit attached hereto as Exhibit A, the requested reallotment of Channel 271B1 to Okawville, and the proposed modification of WIBV's license, are mutually exclusive with WIBV's authorized facilities. See FCC File No. BLH-20010216AAN, granted on March 26, 2001. Accordingly, the Commission may reallot Channel 271B1 without granting an opportunity to other parties to file competing expressions of interest.

#### B. Mr. Stratemeyer's Proposal Will Meet the FCC's Separation Requirements

Mr. Stratemeyer proposes to serve Okawville from a tower located at NL 38° 21' 56.0", WL 89° 21' 2.0". See Exhibit A. As set forth in Exhibit A, the proposed allotment reference site is located 88.11 kilometers from second adjacent Class C station KEZK-FM, St. Louis, Missouri. This falls short of the 105 kilometer minimum distance between second-adjacent Class B1 and Class C stations is 105 kilometers, see 47 C.F.R. § 73.207 (2001), but would comply with the 87 kilometer Class B1/Class C0 spacing requirement. Because KEZK-FM's antenna is between 300 and 451 meters in height above average terrain, the station is subject to reclassification to a

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A part of the national chain that provides modern, clean rooms at economical prices. The Okawville Super 8 is a 39-room facility offering rooms with king and queen size beds, whirlpool tub suites and a room designed for guests with disabilities. Large groups are welcome with group rates available.

#### McIlwain Mansion Bed and Breakfast

305 N. Hanover Okawville, IL 62271 618-243-5682

A beautifully preserved French Second Empire (Mansardic) style-home built in 1883. The downstairs suite includes a bed and bath area as well as a lounge area with a bar and big screen television. It is available for 1 or 2 guests. The upstairs offers up to three bedrooms with a shared bath. It is available for up to three couples. Reservations are by appointment only.

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Class C0 facility. See 47 C.F.R. § 73.3573 (2001). Such reclassification is necessary to prevent KEZK-FM being short-spaced to the instant proposal. As there are no alternate channels available for the proposed Okawville Class B1 facility, see Exhibit A, this Petition serves to initiate the reclassification procedure with respect to KEZK-FM. From the proposed reference allotment site, WIBV will put the requisite signal over its proposed community of license, and upon reclassification of KEZK-FM to a Class C0- facility, it will also comply with the FCC's separation requirements for FM stations.

## C. Mr. Stratemeyer's Proposal Meets the FCC's Prerequisites and FM Allotment Priorities

The Commission has set forth two prerequisites before it will approve a city of license change request: (1) the former community shall not be deprived of its only existing local aural transmission service; and (2) the modification will result in a "preferential arrangement of allotments" under current FM allotment priorities. Modification Report and Order, 4 FCC Rcd at 4874. The Commission's FM allotment priorities are, in descending order of importance: (a) provision for first full-time aural reception service; (b) provision for second full-time aural reception service; (c) provision for first local transmission service; and (d) provision for other public interest factors. Revision of FM Assignment Policies and Procedures, 90 FCC 2d 88 (1982).

## 1. First Prerequisite: Reallotment of WIBV Will Not <u>Deprive Mount Vernon of its Only Existing Aural Broadcast Service</u>

In addition to WIBV, commercial radio stations WMIX-FM and WMIX(AM) and non-commercial educational stations WAPO(FM) and WBMV(FM) are also licensed to serve Mount

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# Original Springs Hotel Super 8 Motel McIlwain Mansion Original Springs Hotel and Bath House

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The Original Springs Hotel has been famed for its mineral water baths for 125 years and shares a rich heritage with the Village of Okawville. The Original Springs consists of a century old hotel, restaurant and spa. The present building was opened May 1, 1893 after a fire completely destroyed the previous structure in 1892. Additional rooms and a heated indoor pool make up the present facility.

The 34 guestrooms are currently being restored and renovated. The oldest part of the hotel offers guests rooms with a bed and breakfast atmosphere. More modern rooms are also available. You can request rooms with or without phones. The Original's restaurant is a white table linen facility offering casual yet fine dining. It has dining, meeting and banquet capabilities of up to 125 persons. It is an ideal place for meetings, conferences, parties, weddings, anniversaries, etc. The restaurant is famed for its home cooking especially its fried chicken dinners and pies. On Friday and Saturday evenings, a pianist/organist plays for dining room entertainment. The restaurant is open daily for dinner and all day on the weekends. Groups can arrange for special lunches. The Original's spa facility offers its famed mineral baths, rich in minerals, still drawn from the same springs as its discovery. A steamroom and relaxation cots are available as well as a heated indoor pool. Swedish Massages are also available. Massages are given by independent certified massage therapists. Reservations are required for the spa amenities. You do not have to be an overnight guest to enjoy the spa.

#### The Super 8 Motel

Interstate 64 and Illinois Route 177

Vernon. Therefore, this proposed allotment satisfies the first prerequisite as Mount Vernon would continue to maintain local transmission services.

- 2. Second Prerequisite: The Relocation of WIBV to Okawville Constitutes a Preferential New Arrangement of Allotments Under Established Commission Priorities
  - a. The First Two FM Allotment Priorities -- First and Second Full-Time Aural Reception Services -- are not Material

As shown in Exhibit A the entire WIBV gain area created by the relocation and reallocation proposed herein currently receives at least two full-time aural services.

Accordingly, the first two allotment priorities set forth by the Commission are not material to a public interest determination in this proceeding. In addition, the loss area will continue to receive reception from a minimum of three and a maximum of twelve aural services, depending on the area. Thus, no white or gray areas will be served or created by the instant proposal.

## b. The Third Allotment Priority, First Local Transmission Service, is Decisionally Favorable in this Proceeding

The Commission's third allotment priority is material and decisional in this case since Mr. Stratemeyer's proposal to change WIBV's community of license would provide Okawville with its first local transmission service, while Mount Vernon would retain four local transmission services.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Commission has held that for reallotment purposes, noncommercial station qualify as local aural transmission services. See, e.g., Brunswick and Waycross, Georgia (1992); Valley Broadcasters, Inc., 5 FCC Red 2785 (1990).

**Lynfred Winery, Roselle, DuPage County** will receive \$79,215 for the purchase of cultural furnishings and appliances related to the construction of a Bed and Breakfast to compliment the Winery. Each suite has a motif from various countries: France, Germany, America, and Italy.

**City of Charleston, Coles County** will receive \$40,000 to create an exterior bronze, life size sculpture to serve as the outdoor interpretation for the Charleston Lincoln Douglas Debate Museum. The artist fees and casting fees will be funded with approval of this project.

Rockford Park District, Winnebago County will receive \$250,000 for the addition of a Sportscore II Development project. The construction of soccer goals, basketball courts, and concession facilities will provide the needed expansion to Rockford's existing Sportscore facility. This grant will significantly increase the communities ability to bid on large sporting events therefore, generating overnight stays.

The City of Joliet, Will County will receive \$250,000 for an HVAC system to be installed in the renovated building which will house the Joliet Historical Museum. The museum will feature stories of the Joliet area and serve as a transportation hub for Route 66, Lincoln Highway and the Historic Illinois and Michigan Canal.

The Heritage House and Museum of Okawville, Washington County will receive \$39,139 for the renovations to a museum complex in Okawville Illinois. The attractions are in need of roofing and porch repairs, a rebuilt furnace, new windows, sidewalk improvements, a museum auto display and restoration of a horse drawn hearse. Completion of this project will compliment the original Springs Hotel and Bathhouse, a National Register property and the last operating bathhouse in the state.

The DuQuoin Tourism Commission, Perry County will receive \$25,000 to implement Phase II of the year 2000 "Holiday Lights Fair". This project will provide the visitors a multi-night indoor and outdoor entertainment opportunity throughout the winter season by offering the area an improved addition.

The Lincoln/Sargent Farm Foundation, Lerna, Coles County will receive \$53,196 to expand and enhance the interpretation at the Lincoln Log Cabin, the Sargent and Moore Homes. The expansion of hours and interpretation for the two additional sites will provide an extended Living History experience. A full scale Conestoga Wagon (used to transport settlers) will provide the basis for the interpretation of transportation during the 1840's and on allocated days during the season will provide the horse drawn rides for site visitors. The Wagon will also serve to commemorate the National Road which represents the first transcontinental road from Maryland of which the settlers inhabited the western section of this nation.

#### i. Okawville is a "Community" Under The Commission's Allotment Criteria

In determining whether a locality is a "community" for allotment purposes, the Commission looks to whether the locality has "social, economic, cultural, or governmental indicia" that identify it as a community. See Avon, North Carolina, 14 FCC Rcd 3939, 3940 (1999). It is sufficient to demonstrate that the locality is "commonly regarded as a distinct group." The Commission has held that "[e]xamples of objective indications of community status include the existence of political, commercial, social, and religious organizations and services in the community. See In re Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Thermopolis and Story, Wyoming), DA 01-1543, MM Docket No. 00-159, RM-9889 at para. 5 (2001). Okawville exhibits the community indicia to which the Commission has looked in determining whether a community deserves to have its own first local broadcast service. See, e.g., Arcadia and Fort Meade, Florida, MM Docket No. 97-159 (Released July 18, 1997); See Exhibit B.

Okawville is a rural community located in Washington County, Illinois that was incorporated in 1870 and has a population of approximately 1,355 residents according to the 2000 Census. The community is listed in the 2000 Rand McNally Commercial Road Atlas and appears on the Atlas' Illinois road map.

The community, which is home to Illinois State Senator Dave Luechtefeld, is governed by an elected mayor and six board members. Okawville has a Chamber of Commerce as well as its own police and volunteer fire departments, which are housed in the community's Village Hall, along with Okawville's street and water departments. The Village Hall office is staffed by a Village Secretary. In addition, Okawville operates its own water distribution and collection

Commerce and Community Affairs (DCCA) administers grants to both programs.

"The projects being funded through these programs reflect the wide variety of tourism alternatives in Illinois," said DCCA Director Pam McDonough, "from parachuting over Southern Illinois to taking a 'suite' seat on a Chicago sidewalk. By meeting the needs of historical, cultural, leisure and sports related travelers, we can broaden the economic impact that tourism has on all of our communities."

Since its inception in 1994, the Tourism Private Sector Grant Program program has funded such major events as World Cup Soccer, the International Pow Wow '98, the 2000 National High School Rodeo Finals, and 2001: A Soccer Odyssey.

Tourism Attraction Development grants can be used to improve an existing tourist attraction or develop a new attraction that has the potential to draw visitors to generate overnight stays. Grants also may be used for feasibility studies, to plan for new attractions and to fund interpretive programs within cultural and historic sites. A list of the grant recipients is attached. Tourism Attraction Development Grant Program

Cameo Vineyards, Inc., Greenup, Cumberland County will receive \$33,175 to construct a winery overlooking the Cumberland County Covered Bridge and the National Road Scenic Byway. This grant will enhance the visitors experience along the National Road.

**Noble Fool's Theater Company, Chicago, Cook County** will receive \$125,000 for the equipment costs relating to the mechanical systems for the facility. The improvement of this attraction will greatly enhance Chicago's Theater District.

Morris & Company Entertainment, Moline, Rock Island County will receive \$100,000 for the construction of an Adventure Village building. Plumbing, electrical and mechanical services will be completed with these funds along the Mississippi river. The addition of this attraction will enhance the visitors experience along the Great River Road National Scenic Byway.

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system as well as a weekly general refuse service. It also has its own weekly newspaper, The Okawville Times, which has won awards for Best Local News Coverage, Best Sports Coverage, and General Excellence.

Okawville is a historic German community with a unique heritage and strong sense of civic pride. The village, affectionately known as the "Little Hot Springs of Illinois", has long enjoyed a reputation as a health resort because of its mineral waters. Owakville's sole remaining mineral spa, the Original Mineral Springs Hotel & Bath, is a National Registry Property that has been famed for its mineral water baths for 125 years. Starting in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century, the mineral baths at the hotel, which started as a small bathhouse, were used to treat rheumatism, arthritis, and other diseases, leading to the popular slogan: "Okawville – Where Rheumatism Meets Its Waterloo." According to legend, around that time, a course of therapy at the hotel's wells miraculously cured a hopeless invalid who could not be offered any hope by the area's best doctors of the day. The town then became famous for its healing waters, and today, the facility consists of a century old hotel, restaurant, and spa that still attract people because of its healing waters and relaxing atmosphere, and it is host to various community events.

Okawville is also home to the Heritage House Museum ("HHM"), a non-profit organization that maintains three unique historical properties. Last year, the HHM was awarded a \$39,139 tourism grant from the State of Illinois for renovations. The first HHM historical property is the Frank Schlosser Home. This home is on the National Register of Historic Places and portrays the ethic of a family of German heritage, the importance of family ties, and a desire to preserve the past. The second HHM historical property is the Joseph Schlosser Home, which is the last surviving Old World style house in Okawville and houses the offices of the Heritage House Museum and the Okawville Chamber of Commerce. Finally, the HHM maintains the Dr.

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#### **GOVERNOR ANNOUNCES \$2.4 MILLION IN TOURISM GRANTS**

SPRINGFIELD -- Governor George H. Ryan today announced more than \$2.4 million in grants, through two state tourism programs, to support twenty-two organizations with the development, implementation and improvement of tourist attractions and events. The funds are assisting groups from Lake County to Pope County with such projects as theater and museum renovations, interpretive centers, large sports complexes and the City of Chicago's latest public art event.

"Illinois continues to reap the benefits of a strong tourism industry with an economic impact of over \$23 billion last year," Ryan said. "Funding these initiatives will bring even more visitors to Illinois and further increase the return on our investment in statewide tourism attractions."

The grants were funded through the Tourism Attraction Development Grant Program (TAP), which allows municipalities, counties and local groups to develop and improve tourist attractions, and the Tourism Private Sector Grant Program (TPS) which provides grants to match funds from the private sector for the purpose of attracting and hosting major tourism events such as conventions, trade shows, sporting activities and cultural events. The Department of

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Poos Home and Medical Museum. This was the home of Dr. Poos, a physician who was lured to the community by the healing springs the late 19<sup>th</sup> century and made his career as a village physician and druggist.

This historic community serves the needs of its residents through a variety of commercial, social, and religious organizations and services.

Okawville is served by many commercial organizations and services. It is home to insurance providers, banks, and financial institutions, including the Chaney and Karch Insurance Group, Inc., Insurance Planning and Management, Lois Obermeier Insurance, State Farm Insurance, The Old Exchange National Bank of Okawville, and the First National Bank. It is also served by myriad retail merchants, such as Annette's Flowers-Gifts, Country Lace and Holiday Shop, Wolff's Variety Store, Green's Decorating, Simonton's Orchards, Spring Valley Golf Course and Pro Shop, Streuter Chevrolet, Inc., Weeke Sales and Service, Inc., Lyle's Auto Body, and Ralph Schrader Body Shop. In addition, it is served by many construction and equipment providers, such as Haier Plumbing & Heating, Obermeier Truck Service, Okawville Electric Inc., Okawville Equipment Co., Okawville Farmer's Elevator Co., Quad County Ready Mix, Reichman Brothers Farm Implements, Scott Banzai Homes, and U.S. Pallett Supply, Inc. Okawville also has many restaurants and hotels, including the Spring Valley Grille, Wink's Bar & Restaurant, the Hen House Restaurant, Pizza Man, One Stop/Burger King, Dairy Queen of Okawville, The Original Springs Hotel & The Boilermaker Restaurant, McIlwain Mansion Bed & Breakfast, and the Okawville Super 8 Motel, and its residents are served by two attorneys, a funeral home, a hair salon, a barber shop.

The community also provides for the medical needs of its residents through a Family

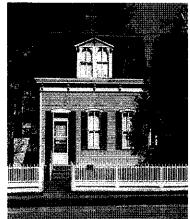
Medical Center and a pharmacy, which are located in the Okawville Medical Center, as well as a

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The Dr. Robert C. Poos family was a very important part of Okawville's history. The doctor's career as vi physician, druggist and staff physician at the now gone Washington Springs Hotel, spanned many years f to 1928. It is this time period that the Heritage House Museum has tried to simulate in the home.

Dr. Poos and his wife Mary Elizabeth settled in Okawville after graduating from medical school in 1884 purchased a house and rented office space. Not until 1890 did Dr. and Mrs. Poos and their family (eventu numbering five children) purchase the lovely, 1888 French Second Empire design home. It was a charmin which provided the proper setting for entertaining according to his position in the community. It contains open stairway, wide entrance hall, cozy parlor, large dining room, shaded porch, kitchen on the first floor bedroom space on the second floor. The house was a hub of activity as the Poos family grew and the doct practice prospered. Of the two sons and three daughters, one daughter, Pearl died as a young girl. The two attended medical school and distinguished themselves in their own medical field. One daughter, Beulah, talented artist. Her watercolors can be seen on several walls of the home. The other daughter Roberta, beat teacher, teaching at both the high school level and at Eastern Illinois University, retiring as Assistant Prof. Emeritus of Speech.

At one time, Dr. Poos intended to establish his own bath house at the rear of his homestead. He constructed an ornate two-story building, ordered large sized tubs and set up a windmill to provide the water. Unfortunately all that was done before determining that the water on his property did not have the mineral content found in other places in town. His bath house idea never materialized. Today this building houses a display of the doctor's old time medical equipment and other donated items connected with the history of the community.



Dr. Poos is remembered as a civic minded man and a highly revered member of the medical profession, I both the young and old of the community. His close friends fondly remember him for his wonderful sens. In the summer of 1988, exactly 100 years after the house was built, the Poos real estate became available of interested citizens purchased the property and agreed that within ten years the Heritage House Museum may exercise an option to purchase it for amount invested, which they did. At an auction held at the prop same year, several museum-minded people purchased many of the household belongings, Poos family pc and much of Dr. Poos' medical equipment. They have in turn loaned the items back to the museum, many have become permanent display pieces.

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chiropractor, and the Okawville Senior Center, which serves as a home base for a variety of programs for the elderly, including educational classes, day trips, shopping trips, health screenings, support groups and seasonal celebrations and parties. The Senior Center also provides transportation, meal, and information and referral services to Okawville residents.

Okawville also meets the educational needs of its community by serving as the seat of the West Washington County School District #10 and through its Okawville Jr. Sr. High School (Grades 7-12) and Okawville Grade School (Grades K-6). These schools offer gifted, remedial, and special education services, have music programs, and have won state championships in athletics, such as baseball, softball, and basketball. In addition, Okawville is home to the Immanuel Lutheran School (Grades K-8 and preschool) and the Immanuel Lutheran Wee Care daycare service.

To meet the recreational needs of its residents, Okawville offers a public 18-hole golf course, Spring Valley Golf Club and Estates, which hosts various golf benefits for local businesses and organizations. The community also is home to a Putt N' Times Miniature Golf Course. In addition, the community, which has been described as "the quintessential basketball town", sends a boys' basketball team to Texas every spring to participate in a Little Dribblers Continental Division Basketball Tournament. The team is enthusiastically supported by members of the community who make the journey with the team and create their own cheering section which is characterized by a plethora of orange Okawville shirts. The team's efforts are also supported by the community through its participation in and support of the team's various fundraisers, including a golf tournament, candy sales, and two of its own basketball tournaments.

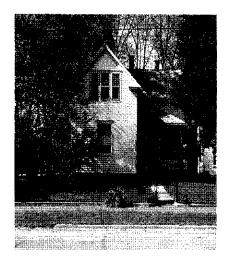
Okawville also offers an Okawville Community Youth Association, which is a local non-profit organization that provides sports programs including softball, baseball, flag football,

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present and future generations.

The Schlosser women, Sophie, the mother and the daughters, Elsie and Estella, operated a laundry service for residents and patrons of the flourishing hotels at the beginning of the century. The old-fashioned, wooden laundry barrels grace the building's back porch. The story goes that the neighborhood boys were paid10 cents a day to turn the crank on the washers. Lines where the clothes were hung to dry are still strung in the upstairs part of the building. Copper boilers, old irons, and washboards are all still in their place.

In the Schlosser garage can be found the family's fringed surrey dating back to the 1800s and the 1930 Buick, both of which have been restored.



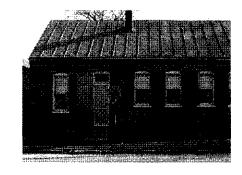
Stepping into the home of the late Schlosser family is like stepping into another era. The antique Victoria dishes and collectibles indicate that this hard-working, German family was very prosperous. The formal l is lined with family photos hung in huge oval frames. There was a musical side to the Schlosser family as by the family's piano, violin, well-stocked sheet music cabinet, and hand crank Victrola. The focal point kitchen is the blue enamel Quick Meal stove, which was used for cooking and heating until the sisters dis well-stocked kitchen is full of old cooking and baking utensils, coffee grinders, dishes, etc.

Further exploration of the house indicates that when the maiden sisters, Elsie and Estella, were not worki laundry they enjoyed a somewhat genteel lifestyle. They taught piano and Sunday School. Their needlep quilting fills many drawers and wardrobes in the upstairs part of the house. It appears that nothing that ca house was discarded, and all was well preserved. The antique wicker baby buggy and dolls of the sisters home. Stored in the attic are years of issues of magazines including Women's Home Companion and Bett and Gardens and boxes of receipts of things purchased and services rendered.

The Frank Schlosser Home is quite possibly the most complete museum of it kind. The home is packed v mementos and bits of Americana from parlor to cellar. It tells an interesting story of a family, their Germ a community's history and of a way of life that has long since passed us by.

The Joseph Schlosser Home 109 W. Walnut Okawville, IL 62271 618-243-5694

This historic home is another property owned and maintained by the Heritage House Museum. This circa 1869 brick home sits across the street from the Frank Schlosser property. It is the last surviving Old World style street house in Okawville. It was the humble home of Joseph Schlosser, his wife Louise, and sons Henry and Frank Schlosser. Joseph operated a cobbler's shop in one room of the home. Furnished with primitives and antiques largely form the post-Civil War era, the house captures the aura of its time. The offices for the Heritage House Museum and Okawville Chamber of Commerce are also housed at the home.



Dr. Poos Home and Medical Museum 202 N. Front St. Okawville, IL 62271 6180-243-5694 soccer, and maintains playing fields and park grounds, for children of the community. The Association has received a grant from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources to expand its offerings to include tennis, basketball, and rollerblade courts, a soccer field, and a walking path.

Okawville is served by many civic organizations, including the Lions, the Knights of Columbus, the American Legion, Girl Scout and Boy Scout Troops, Home Extension, 4-H Groups, and several church-sponsored youth organizations. In addition, the community boasts the Okawville Community Club Park, which houses several picnic areas, including several large pavilions, a playground, and a large multi-use building, and which hosts local auctions, indoor and outdoor dances, community dinners, and the community's annual Okawville Fair and Wheat Festival. It also opens the high school's library to the public several evenings a week and on Saturdays.

In addition, the residents of Okawville's community come together to participate in the many cultural events organized and sponsored by the village. For example, Okawville takes its residents on a trip back in time through Heritage Days at the Heritage House Museum on the Saturday and Sunday before Father's Day. It also sponsors the annual Illinois Heritage Art and Wine Festival at the Community Youth Association Park on the Saturday before Father's Day. This event includes wine tasting, an art show, and live music for community residents. The community also sponsors the Okawville Fair and Wheat Festival each year on the second weekend after Labor Day. This family event, includes carnival rides, games, food, and musical entertainment with a farm, gardening, and homemaking exhibit area as well as Queen pageant. In addition, Okawville hosts a Country Christmas Stroll and House Tour during the first weekend of December. This event includes an open house at downtown businesses with prizes

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The hotels had a large patronage of out of town guests even before the days of the automobile. Many traversing train from St. Louis and even more distant areas, staying several days or several weeks to enjoy the healing A special excursion train traveled from St. Louis to Okawville for one-day trips. In the 1930's the Origina a bus to St. Louis, making the round trip twice each day. Literally countless numbers of people have comoriginal Bath House in its 125 plus year history, seeking relief from arthritis and rheumatism through the water and massages.

**The Heritage House Museum** is a non-for-profit organization, which maintains three unique historical properties, The Frank Schlosser Home, the Joseph Schlosser Home and the Dr. Poos Home. MUSEUM INFORMATION

The Frank Schlosser Home 114 West Walnut Okawville, IL 62271 618-243-5694

An unrestored turn-of-the-century harness shop, commercial laundry, home and more offer a glimpse into a middle class, American family in the early days of this century. Neither a mansion nor the home of a gr historical figure and not a collection of artifacts brought together from may sources, this home and small complex offer a picture of the way past generations lived.

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awarded and a house tour which includes 4 private homes, 3 historic homes, and a church, as well as a large crafters area, Festival of Trees exhibit, and a Live Nativity Pageant.

The residents of Okawville congregate to meet spiritual needs at five Christian churches located in Okawville, including the Faith Fellowship Foursquare Church, the First Baptist Church - Okawville, the Immanuel Lutheran Church, St. Barbara's Catholic Church, St. Peter's United Church of Christ, and the United Methodist Church.

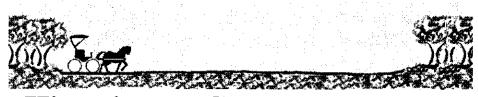
Okawville and related community entities receive county funding to improve community services and the quality of life of Okawville residents. For example, Washington County recently allocated a total of \$913,908 to help Okawville improve sewer and wastewater services, make park and ballpark improvements, and purchase fire equipment, police squad cars, tornado sirens, a backhoe, and computers and equipment to be used by Okawville High School.

As shown herein, because Okawville possesses the requisite "social, economic and cultural components that are commonly associated with community status," see Semora, North Carolina, 5 FCC Rcd 934 (1990), Okawville should be considered a "community" worthy of its own first local transmission service.

#### ii. WIBV Would Not be Moving Into a New Urbanized Area

The change in WIBV's city of license to Okawville does not implicate the Commission's Urbanized Area "presumption." When an applicant proposes an FM allotment to a community based on a first local service preference, and that community is located in an Urbanized Area, or the 70 dBu contour of the station which is the subject of the rulemaking covers 50% or more of an Urbanized Area, a presumption of interdependence between the community and the

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## Historic and Cultural Activities

The Original Springs Hotel and Bath House

The Heritage House Museum

The Frank Schlosser Home

The Joseph Schlosser Home Museum

Dr. Poos Home and Medical

The Original Springs Hotel and Bath House 506 N. Hanover Okawville, IL 62271 618-243-5458

The Original Springs Hotel and Bath House has been famed for its mineral water since 1868. It is the old continuous business in Okawville and the last remaining mineral springs hotel in the state of Illinois.

In 1868, Rudolph Plegge, who lived and conducted a saddlery and harness shop on the ground now occup hotel, noticed that the water from his well differed from most water. He brought the matter to the attentio August Schulze and Dr. James McIlwain who decided to have the water analyzed. Dr. McIlwain made so tests such as his equipment would permit and discovered magnesia in the water. He knew that there must sulfuric acid, for this is the only chemical that will hold magnesia in solution. Samples of the water were Professor Eno Sanders in

St. Louis and his analysis showed very strong medicinal qualities. The spring owner, Mr. Plegge, then co C.H. Kelle, who lived on a farm near town. He knew that Mr. Kelle had served in the famous baths at Ba Germany before coming to this country. Together they decided to build a small bathhouse and treat rheur other diseases the way they were treated at the famous waters in Europe. Dr. McIlwain was given charge medical end of the institution. The business thrived in a small way. Later it was sold to a group of Evangeministers from Edwardsville, Illinois at the urging of Mrs. J.F. Schierbaum, a wife of one of the ministers Schierbaum, as the story goes, was a hopeless invalid. She had been to all the best doctors in St. Louis be could offer her any hope. After a course of therapy at the Okawville Mineral Wells, as it was known at the was miraculously cured. In 1885, Rev. Schierbaum and his fellow investors built a more "modern" instituater sold out to the Schreiner Brothers under whose ownership, the building burned. The fire occurred la but by July of 1892 the hotel celebrated a grand re-opening with a brand new facility. Several additions he made over the years, which constitute the present Original Springs Hotel.

Okawville became famous for its healing waters. One popular slogan of the day was "Okawville - Where Rheumatism Meets Its Waterloo." Besides the Original Hotel another large hotel, the Washington Springs opened in 1895. It was probably the most luxurious hotel, offering overnight accommodations, dining, entertainment and of course mineral baths. Eventually the Washington Springs was converted into a nursing home and unfortunately was later torn down. Several smaller hotels and boarding houses (not offering baths) opened up to handle the overflow of the larger hotels. Many Okawville residents even housed boarders in their homes, to meet the demand created by the popularity of the waters.

Urbanized Area is created.<sup>2</sup> See Faye and Richard Tuck, 3 FCC Rcd 5374 (1988). If the presumption of interdependence is not rebutted, the community is credited with all the local transmission services licensed to communities within the Urbanized Area. Id. Exhibit A shows that Okawville is not located in an Urbanized Area and that the 70 dBu service from the proposed Okawville Channel 271B1 allotment will not cover any portion of a US Census designated Urbanized Area. Thus, no "Tuck" analysis is required in support of the Mr. Stratemeyer's reallotment plan. Okawville should not be credited with the aural broadcast transmission services licensed to the communities in any Urbanized Area, and Okawville properly deserves a first local service preference.

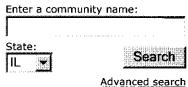
C. The Fourth Allotment Priority, the Public Interest Factor, is Served by the Proposed Move to Okawville

The Commission has already concluded that it is in the public interest to award a community its first local aural transmission service. See Newnan and Peachtree, Georgia, 7 FCC Rcd 6307, 6308 (1992). Thus, by allotting FM Channel 271B1 to Okawville, the public interest will be served by providing it with a locally-based transmission service that otherwise would not exist. Further, providing Okawville with its own broadcast service would serve the public interest by enhancing its current efforts toward enhanced vitalization and overall improvement of the community.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>The Census Bureau defines an Urbanized Area as consisting of a central community and adjacent densely settled areas that together have a minimum of 50,000 persons. <u>See Section</u> 307(b) Preferences Within Metropolitan Areas, 48 Fed. Reg. 19,428 (1983).



#### PLACE SEARCH



#### COMMUNITY

Illinois > All counties > Washington County > Okawville, IL

#### Okawville, IL

Village

**Population:** 1,355 **Region:** Little Egypt

"Little Hot Springs of Illinois"

Known in the early 1900s for its mineral springs

Agricultural products in this county include dairy cattle, corn, soybeans, wheat

Celebrates annual Wheat Festival in September

**Historic sites and museums:** Heritage House Museum

Ave. January temp: 29

Ave. July temp: 78

Illinois community profiles: A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W Y Z.

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#### D. Mr. Stratemeyer's Declaration of Intent

If Mr. Stratemeyer's proposal set forth herein is adopted, he intends to promptly file with the Commission the appropriate application for Channel 271B1 at Okawville, Illinois. If this application is granted, Mr. Stratemeyer intends to expeditiously construct the authorized WIBV facilities.

#### III. CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing, Benjamin Stratemeyer respectfully requests the Commission to promptly initiate the Rule Making requested herein to reallocate Channel 271B1 from Mount Vernon, Illinois to Okawville, Illinois and to modify WIBV's license accordingly.

Respectfully submitted,

BENJAMIN STRATEMEYER

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Dated: June 21, 2002

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and opens for tours. Charles Dickens visited here in 1842. Antique and specialty shops line the brick-paved downtown area.

The 26,000-acre Carlyle Lake lies an hour's drive east of St. Louis. One of the area's major outdoor playgrounds, it provides docking for more than 1,000 boats and more than 1,000 camping sites. You'll find four swimming beaches, miles of nature trails, nature interpretive programs and top fishing for walleye, largemouth bass, crappie, bluegill and white bass.

Around the Midwest appears Sundays in Going Places. Mike Michaelson is a travel writer based in Chicago and the author of the guidebook, "Chicago's Best-Kept Secrets."

#### If you go

**Information:** Okawville Tourism Coordinator, (618) 243-5694; Original Mineral Springs Hotel and Bath House, (618) 243-5458; Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site, (618) 346-5160; Southwestern Illinois Tourism and Convention Bureau, (618) 397-1488 or (800) 442-1488; Illinois Bureau of Tourism, (800) 2CONNECT.

Upcoming events: Kahok Dancers at Cahokia Mounds, a non-native group, presents free performances of Indian-style dance, Jan. 24, Feb. 21 and March 21; storytelling at Cahokia Mounds, Native American culture is interpreted through storytelling and music, May 1; Kids' Day at Cahokia Mounds, dancing, crafts, games and hands-on activities such as pottery making and spear throwing, May 16; Maifest, Nashville, May 29-31; Okawville Heritage Days, an old-time picnic with bratwurst and homemade ice cream, demonstrations of weaving, candle-dipping, making sauerkraut and other skills, on the grounds of Heritage House Museum, June 12 and 13; Okawville Annual Fair and Wheat Festival, parade, tractor pull and other agricultural contests, dance, food booths, Sept. 17-19.

#### - Mike Michaelson



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#### **EXHIBIT A**

furniture, dishes and many collectibles suggest the German family would have been considered well-to-do at the time.

The harness-making shop remains as it was on the day Frank Schlosser died in 1941 - as if someone is expected to show up to take tools in hand and begin working. Horse collars and bridles hang from the ceiling. The shop also contains a large vat for dipping the leather in oil to keep it pliable, and a machine for sewing leather harnesses. A fringed surrey dating to the late 19th century found on the property was restored by craftsmen at an Amish community in Central Illinois. During special events at the museum the surrey transports riders and locals often rent it for weddings.

At the beginning of the century, the Schlosser women operated their laundry service for residents and for patrons of the community's flourishing hotels and boarding houses. The building houses old-fashioned laundry barrels for washing that are wooden kegs turned sideways and fitted with hand cranks. Neighborhood boys were paid 10 cents a day to turn the cranks. The building also contains small, heavy irons and a number of copper boilers used to heat water.

Locals buy their quilting supplies at Blanch's Variety Store, a tiny shop built around the turn of the century by a German jeweler. They head for Wink's Bar and Restaurant for cold beer, daily blue-plate specials such as meatloaf and mashed potatoes, and homemade pies.

Less than an hour's drive northwest of Okawville visitors take in the Cahokia Mounds, the central section of the largest prehistoric city north of Mexico. This prehistoric site, which dates back to A.D. 1100, ranks with the Great Pyramids and the Taj Mahal as United Nations World Heritage Sites.

During its peak, the city spread across six square miles and had 20,000 residents. Take note of a series of wooden sun calendars, dubbed Woodhenge because of their functional similarity to Stonehenge built by the Druids in ancient England. More than 100 man-made earthen mounds have been discovered at the site, including Monks Mound, an earthen pyramid standing 100 feet tall and covering 14 acres. An interpretive center offers an audio-visual history of life in the ancient city, named for a subtribe of the Illini - the Cahokia - who occupied the area when the French arrived.

In the center of Washington County you'll come across Nashville, the county seat with its old square dominated by a red-brick courthouse. The town contains many stately homes built in the 19th century and featuring distinctive European architecture. Nashville pays tribute to its rich German heritage with Maifest, held every Memorial Day weekend.

Stop by the charming town of Lebanon, about 20 miles east of St. Louis. One of its claims to fame, the Mermaid House, was built as a hotel in 1820



#### STATEMENT OF WILLIAM J. GETZ IN SUPPORT OF A PETITION TO AMEND THE FM TABLE OF ALLOTMENTS

I am a Radio Engineer, an employee in the firm of Carl T. Jones Corporation with offices located in Springfield, Virginia. My education and experience are a matter of record with the Federal Communications Commission.

This office has been authorized to prepare this statement in support of a Petition to Amend the FM Table of Allotments, Section 73.202(b) of the FCC Rules. The petitioner requests that Section 73.202(b) of the FCC Rules be modified in the following manner:

|                  | <u>Present</u> | <u>Proposed</u> |  |
|------------------|----------------|-----------------|--|
| Mount Vernon, IL | 231B, 271B1    | 231B            |  |
| Okawville, IL    |                | 271B1           |  |
| St. Louis, MO    | 273C *         | 273C0           |  |

<sup>\*</sup> One of seven commercial FM channels allocated to St. Louis, MO.

Radio station WIBV(FM), Mount Vernon, IL, is currently licensed to operate on Channel 271B1 (FCC File No. BLH-20010216AAN). Radio station KEZK-FM, St. Louis, MO, currently operates on Channel 273C with an Effective Radiated Power (ERP) of 100.0 KW at an antenna Height Above Average Terrain (HAAT) of 313 meters pursuant to FCC License No. BLH-19960212KC. This Petition for Rulemaking will allow WIBV(FM) to

## MIDWESTERAVEL

## Taking the water in Okawville, the Little Hot Springs of Illinois

It certainly is no Baden-Baden, Germany's fashionable spa town noted for its mineral baths, but the tiny community of Okawville, Ill., population 1,300 and located 41 miles east of St. Louis, boasts a strong German heritage and enjoys a reputation for its waters.

Since 1868, a soak in a mineral-water bath and a tough Swedish massage have been specialties of the Original Mineral Springs Hotel and Bath House in Okawville, known as the Little Hot Springs of Illinois. In the 1930s the hotel operated a bus to St. Louis, making the round trip twice daily for the folks who came seeking relief from arthritis and rheumatism.

Folks still visit the hotel to take the waters and get a massage (mineral baths and massages are each \$15). The 50-room property, designated a National Historic Landmark, has undergone some recent renovations, including enclosing the heated pool for year-round use - a roof is rolled back during warm weather. The hotel offers home cooking in its dining room and weekend entertainment by a pianist/organist.

Don't look for night life in Okawville. For gourmet dining and gaming, bright lights and big times, drive to St. Louis. Okawville is so quiet and small-town that one visitor said it seemed like going back to the 1930s. "We like to say that Okawville is a place where you don't have to do anything," says resident Diane Weber, who moved to Okawville from St. Louis about five years ago.

After taking the waters at the Original, browse Okawville's handful of shops and take a look at its other historic buildings. You'll find the former home of Dr. Robert C. Poos, the village physician and druggist from 1885 to 1928. The home displays many of Dr. Poos' instruments and other medical equipment, as well as artifacts and memorabilia relating to the community.

Okawville is proud of its strong German heritage. In fact, many of its older residents still speak various dialects of German.

Visit the Heritage House Museum, which includes the dwelling, harness shop and laundry of the Frank Schlosser family. The men of the family ran the harness shop; the women operated a laundry service. Mementos and bits of Americana pack the house from parlor to cellar. Family photos in huge oval frames decorate the home and tapestries carry the wording of blessings in German. You'll find a hand-cranked Victrola in the parlor and an old-fashioned, blue-enamel range in the kitchen. The Victorian

relocate in order to provide a first local service to Okawville, Illinois (2000 population: 1,355 persons). A maximum Class B1 city-grade circle (centered at the proposed Okawville allotment reference coordinates with a radius of 23.2 km) encompasses no portion of any U.S. Census-designated urbanized area. Full service commercial radio stations WMIX(AM) [940 kHz] and WMIX-FM [94.1 MHz] will remain to provide local service to Mount Vernon. Noncommercial educational FM stations WAPO(FM) [90.5 MHz] and WBMV(FM) [89.7 MHz] also remain to provide local service to Mount Vernon.

To accomplish the new first local service at Okawville, radio station KEZK-FM, St. Louis, MO, must be reclassified to a Class C0 facility. In accordance with the requested modifications to the FM Table of Allotments, the Petitioner requests that the licenses of stations WIBV(FM) and KEZK-FM be modified to specify operation on channels 271B1 at Okawville and 273C0 at St. Louis, respectively.

#### **ALLOCATION CONSIDERATIONS**

#### Channel 271B1, Okawville, IL, in lieu of Channel 271B1, Mount Vernon, IL

An engineering study of all pertinent allotments, assignments and applications revealed that WIBV(FM), Mount Vernon, IL, (Channel 271B1) can be reallotted to Okawville, Illinois, as the community's first local service with a site restriction 19 km southeast. The allotment reference coordinates for Channel 271B1 at Okawville are 38° 21' 56" N.L. and 89° 21' 02" W.L. These coordinates describe the location of an existing tower (FCC tower registration number 1009634). The Okawville allotment reference site

- 2. Gillespie Area News
- 3. Bridgeport Leader

#### Honorable mention

- 1. Christopher Progress
- 2. Mascoutah Herald Jersey County Star
- 3. Auburn Citizen

#### · Sports Grant ge

- 1.
- 2. Herrin Spokesman
- 3. Christopher Progress

#### Honorable mention

- 1. Edwards County Times Advocate
- 2. Auburn Citizen
- 3. Bridgeport Leader

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(Maximum points: 600. Results within 1 point are considered ties)

- 1. Gillespie Area News (492)
- 2. Christopher Progress (483)
- 3. (tie) Edwards County Times Advocate (456) Auburn Citizen (455)

- 1. Okawaille Times (424)
- 2. Trenton Sun (420)
- 3. Bridgeport Leader (415)
- 4. Herrin Spokesman (384)

#### Large weeklies (Over 2,700)

#### Best Local News Coverage

- 1. The Navigator
- 2. (tie) Cahokia Herald Wayne County Press
- 3. Sullivan News-Progress

#### Honorable mention

- 1. Vandalia Leader-Union
- 2. Carlyle Union Banner
- 3. Cass County Star-Gazette
- 4. Metropolis Planet

#### • Best Overall Makeup and Graphics Presentation

- 1. Cahokia Herald
- 2. The Navigator
- 3. Pike Press

#### Honorable mention

- 1. Salem Times-Commoner
- 2. The County Journal
- 3. (tie) Vandalia Leader Union Randolph County Herald-Tribune
- 4. Breese Journal

#### • Best Use of Photography

meets allotment standards, the minimum spacing requirements of §73.207 and the city-grade coverage requirements of §73.315 of the FCC rules.

The proposed WIBV relocation and reallocation will cause the displacement of an existing Class B1service area and will result in no net loss and no net gain in service area. The entire WIBV loss area will continue to receive aural service from a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 12 aural services. The WIBV gain area will be served by a minimum of 4 and a maximum of 18 aural services. Consequently, no white or gray areas will be created or will be served by the instant proposal.

#### Class C0 Reclassification of KEZK-FM, St. Louis, Missouri (Channel 273)

As stated above, radio station KEZK-FM is currently licensed to operate as a Class C facility with an ERP of 100.0 KW at an antenna HAAT of 313 meters. Because the current KEZK-FM antenna HAAT is between 300 and 450 meters, KEZK-FM is subject to reclassification to a Class C0 facility pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 73.3573, Note 4. A complete commercial channel FM allocation study revealed that no alternate channels are available for the proposed Okawville Class B1 facility.

The proposed Okawville, Channel 271B1, allotment reference site is separated from the licensed KEZK-FM (Channel 273C) transmitter site by 88.11 kilometers. Pursuant to Section 73.207, the minimum distance separation for second-adjacent related Class B1 and Class C stations is 105 kilometers. As a result, the proposed allotment reference site is 16.89 kilometers short of this spacing requirement. However, if KEZK-FM were reclassified

- 1. Community Service
- 2. Best Photograph
- 3. Best Feature Story
- 4. Best Editorial
- 5. Charlie Feirich Original Column Competition

Judges selected each year by the SIEA executive secretary may give first, second and third place awards and up to four honorable mention awards.

A complete list of winners follows:

#### CCATCO (2,700 Circumstation)

- 1 (1)
  - 2. Christopher Progress
  - 3. Edwards County Times Advocate

Honorable mention

- 1. Bridgeport Leader
- 2. Auburn Citizen
- 3. (tie) Villa Grove News Greene Prairie Press

#### • Best Overall Makeup and Graphics Presentation

- 1. Edwards County Times Advocate
- 2. Christopher Progress
- 3. Trenton Sun

#### Honorable mention

- 1. Villa Grove News
- 2. This Week in Marissa
- 3. Auburn Citizen
- 4. Gillespie Area News

### • Washington and the state of t

- 1. Gillespie Area News
- 2. Freeburg Tribune
- 3. Christopher Progress

#### 1. Chawvine Times

- 2. Villa Grove News
- 3. Edwards County Times Advocate

#### • Best Editorial Page

- 1. Gillespie Area News
- 2. Auburn Citizen
- 3. Jersey County Star

#### Honorable mention

- 1. Trenton Sun
- 2. Christopher Progress
- 3. Virden Recorder

#### • Advertising Excellence

1. Virden Recorder

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to a Class C0 facility, the minimum distance separation of Section 73.207 is reduced to 87

kilometers. The proposed Okawville, Class B1 allotment reference site satisfies the

spacing requirements of Section 73.207 of the FCC rules with respect to a Class C0 facility

at KEZK-FM.

Accordingly, the proponent herein initiates the reclassification procedure with respect

to KEZK-FM through this original petition for rulemaking to amend the FM Table of

Allotments, as set forth in 47 C.F.R. § 73.3573, Note 4.

This statement was prepared by me or under my direct supervision and is believed

to be true and correct.

DATED: June 11, 2002



## Winners of the 1999 SIEA Better Newspaper Contest

April 30, 1999

### SIEA honors newspapers for excellence

By Paula M. Davenport, SIUC Public Affairs

CARBONDALE, Ill. -- Four newspapers won esteemed General Excellence awards in the Southern Illinois Editorial Association's (SIEA) 1999 Better Newspaper Contest Friday, April 30. About 100 member newspapers belong to the more than 100-year-old SIEA.

The Decatur Herald & Review and Mattoon Journal Gazette took top honors in best large and small daily divisions, respectively. The Navigator of Grayville won best large weekly. The Gillespie Area News took best small weekly.

General Excellence prizes recognize newspapers in four circulation divisions for work published on two randomly selected dates. All but large dailies compete for awards in six additional categories -- from best local news to advertising. Large dailies vie only for General Excellence citations.

Honors came at the SIEA's spring meeting at Giant City State Park Lodge near Makanda.

Mattoon's Journal Gazette grabbed four blue ribbons -- more than any other publication. It took firsts in local news, makeup and graphics, editorial page and sports.

Newspapers also compete in five open categories.

First-place finishers:

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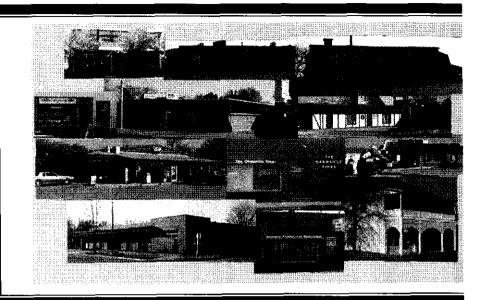
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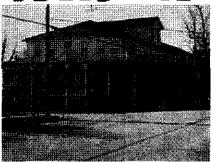
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Okawville is a rural community located only minutes away from St. Louis. Interstate 64 provides a quick link to the city and it's many attractions. Okawville is located only 30 minutes from Belleville, Illinois and 2 hours from the Indiana border. The community's German heritage is reflected in its well-kept homes with their neatly trimmed lawns. Its residents have a strong sense of civic pride. Although the Village was founded in 1838 under the name Bridgeport, it wasn't until the mid 1800s that Germans immigrated to the area and began farming the surrounding countryside and opening shops in the town. It wasn't until the 1870s that the town was actually incorporated and renamed Okawville. It seems there was another town of Bridgeport in Illinois and the postal service was mixing up the mail. The name Okawville is derived from the French word or abbreviation for the word Kaskaskia. In the days long before Illinois was a state, Kaskaskia was the name of a nearby river and the name of an Old French settlement in the area. It seems that the old settlement of Kaskaskia sat along the Vincent Trace, a trail that ran along the river between settlement and the Territorial Legislature at Vincennes in the Indiana Territory. The French settlers often abbreviated Kaskaskia, verbally and in formal documents into Cas (pronounced Kah). As the French travelers passed each other they would often reply that they were enroute to "au Cas" - "au" meaning "to," (pronounced "o") and "Cas" short for Kaskaskia. Eventually the English-speaking travelers picked up on this common reply and eventually developed a new word - "Okaw." That is how the Kaskaskia River has come to be called the Okaw River by people in this area and where the second and final name for this community originated. Historically Okawville has long enjoyed a reputation as a kind of health resort because of its famed mineral waters. Okawville's only remaining mineral spa, The Original Springs Hotel, still attracts people because of the healing waters and relaxing atmosphere...

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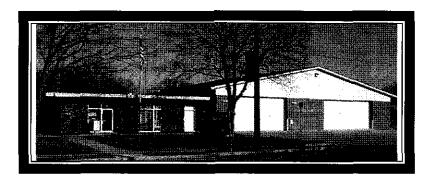
#### 2000 Illinois municipal populations (N-R)

The populations of Illinois' cities, towns and villages in 2000 and 1990, the change and percentage change, according to data released Wednesday by the U.S. Census Bureau. Blank spots for 1990 data indicates the municipality did not exist or was not counted in the 1990 Census.

| Municipality    | 2000    | 1990   | Change | Percent |
|-----------------|---------|--------|--------|---------|
| Naperville      | 128,358 | 85,351 | 43,007 | 50.4%   |
| Naplate         | 523     | 609    | -86    | -14.1%  |
| Naples          | 134     | 130    | 4      | 3.1%    |
| Nashville       | 3,147   | 3,202  | -55    | -1.7%   |
| Nason           | 234     | 235    | -1     | -0.4%   |
| Nauvoo          | 1,063   | 1,108  | -45    | -4.1%   |
| Nebo            | 408     | 402    | 6      | 1.5%    |
| Nelson          | 163     | 200    | -37    | -18.5%  |
| Neoga           | 1,854   | 1,678  | 176    | 10.5%   |
| Neponset        | 519     | 529    | -10    | -1.9%   |
| Newark          | 887     | 840    | 47     | 5.6%    |
| New Athens      | 1,981   | 2,010  | -29    | -1.4%   |
| New Baden       | 3,001   | 2,602  | 399    | 15.3%   |
| New Bedford     | 95      | 65     | 30     | 46.2%   |
| New Berlin      | 1,030   | 797    | 233    | 29.2%   |
| New Boston      | 632     | 620    | 12     | 1.9%    |
| New Burnside    | 242     | 259    | -17    | -6.6%   |
| New Canton      | 417     | 405    | 12     | 3.0%    |
| New Douglas     | 369     | 387    | -18    | -4.7%   |
| New Grand Chain | 233     | 273    | -40    | -14.7%  |
| New Haven       | 477     | 459    | 18     | 3.9%    |
| New Holland     | 318     | 330    | -12    | -3.6%   |
| New Lenox       | 17,771  | 9,627  | 8,144  | 84.6%   |
| Newman          | 956     | 960    | -4     | -0.4%   |
| New Millford    | 541     | 463    | 78     | 16.8%   |
| New Minden      | 204     | 219    | -15    | -6.8%   |
| New Salem       | 136     | 147    | -11    | -7.5%   |
| Newton          | 3,069   | 3,154  | -85    | -2.7%   |
| Niantic         | 738     | 647    | 91     | 14.1%   |
| Niles           | 30,068  | 28,284 | 1,784  | 6.3%    |
| Nilwood         | 284     | 238    | 46     | 19.3%   |
| Noble           | 746     | 756    | -10    | -1.3%   |
| Nokomis         | 2,389   | 2,534  | -145   | -5.7%   |
| Nora            | 118     | 162    | -44    | -27.2%  |
| Normal          | 45,386  | 40,023 | 5,363  | 13.4%   |
| Norridge        | 14,582  | 14,459 | 123    | 0.9%    |
| Norris          | 194     | 212    | -18    | -8.5%   |
| Norris          | 1,057   | 1,341  | -284   | -21.2%  |
| North Aurora    | 10,585  | 5,940  | 4,645  | 78.2%   |

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## Village Information and Services



The Village of Okawville is governed by an elected mayor and six board members. The Village officials positions on a part-time basis while generally holding down full-time jobs. The Village Hall, located in the town on State route 177 at 304 S. Front Street, houses the police department, volunteer fire department, swater departments. The Village Hall Office is staffed by the Village Secretary and open for business 8:00 5:00 P.M., Monday thru Friday. The Village Hall phone number is 618-243-5972.

The Village of Okawville operates their own water distribution and collection system. Water originates f New Athens Water District in new Athens, IL. General refuse service is offered through the Village, whi contracts with a local company for weekly pick-up. Water, sewer, and trash pick-up fees are collected by Village through a monthly billing system.

#### Police and Fire

Okawville enjoys an extremely low crime rate. Police protection is provided by three full-time police off additional part-time officers. Fire protection is provided by a 25 person volunteer force with its own first program.

#### **Utilities**

Illinois Power Company provides electric and natural gas service to the Okawville area. Tri-County Elec electric cooperative serving the rural areas located outside the Village. GTE provides phone service through Charter Communications at 1-800-642-2257.

| North Barrington | 2,918  | 1,787         | 1,131 | 63.3%   |
|------------------|--------|---------------|-------|---------|
| Northbrook       | 33,435 | 32,308        | 1,127 | 3.5%    |
| North Chicago    | 35,918 | 34,978        | 940   | 2.7%    |
| North            | 630    | 538           | 92    | 17.1%   |
| Northfield       | 5,389  | 4,635         | 754   | 16.3%   |
| North Henderson  | 187    | 184           | 3     | 1.6%    |
| Vorthlake        | 11,878 | 12,505        | -627  | -5.0%   |
| North Pekin      | 1,574  | 1,556         | 18    | 1.2%    |
| North Riverside  | 6,688  | 6,005         | 683   | 11.4%   |
| North Utica      | 977    | 848           | 129   | 15.2%   |
| Norwood          | 473    | 495           | -22   | -4.4%   |
| Oak Brook        | 8,702  | 9,178         | -476  | -5.2%   |
| Oakbrook Terrace | 2,300  | 1,907         | 393   | 20.6%   |
| Oakdale          | 213    | 179           | 34    | 19.0%   |
| Oakford          | 309    | 246           | 63    | 25.6%   |
| Oak Forest       | 28,051 | 26,203        | 1,848 | 7.1%    |
| Oak Grove        | 1,318  | 626           | 692   | 110.5%  |
| Oakland          | 996    | 996           | 0     | 0.0%    |
| Oak Lawn         | 55,245 | 56,182        | -937  | -1.7%   |
| Oak Park         | 52,524 | 53,648¦-1,124 | -2.1% |         |
| Oakwood          | 1,502  | 1,533         | -31   | -2.0%   |
| Oakwood Hills    | 2,194  | 1,498         | 696   | 46.5%   |
| Oblong           | 1,580  | 1,616         | -36   | -2.2%   |
| Oconee           | 202    | 201           | 1     | 0.5%    |
| Odell            | 1,014  | 1,030         | -16   | -1.6%   |
| Odin             | 1,122  | 1,150         | -28   | -2.4%   |
| O'Fallon         | 21,910 | 16,073        | 5,837 | 36.3%   |
| Ogden            | 743    | 671           | 72    | 10.7%   |
| Oglesby          | 3,647  | 3,619         | 28    | 0.8%    |
| Ohio             | 540    | 426           | 114   | 26.8%   |
| Ohlman           | 0      | 82            | -82   | -100.0% |
| Okawville        | 1,355  | 1,274         | 81    | 6.4%    |
| Old Mill Creek   | 251    | 73            | 178   | 243.8%  |
| Old Ripley       | 127    | 95            | 32    | 33.7%   |
| Old Shawneetown  | 278    | 356           | -78   | -21.9%  |
| Olmsted          | 299    | 358           | -59   | -16.5%  |
| Olney            | 8,631  | 8,664         | -33   | -0.4%   |
| Olympia Fields   | 4,732  | 4,248         | 484   | 11.4%   |
| Omaha            | 263    | 273           | -10   | -3.7%   |
| Onarga           | 1,438  | 1,281         | 157   | 12.3%   |
| Oneida           | 752    | 723           | 29    | 4.0%    |
| Oquawka          | 1,539  | 1,442         | 97    | 6.7%    |
| Orangeville      | 751    | 451           | 300   | 66.5%   |
| Orangevine       | 892    | 847           | 45    | 5.3%    |

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#### **About Senator Luechtefeld**

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#### **About Senator Luechtefe**

Dave Luechtefeld has represented the £ District in the Illinois Senate since 1995.

Senator Luechtefeld is a retired social steacher, athletic director, baseball coach basketball coach from Okawville High S He is a member of the Illinois Basketbal Coaches Hall of Fame, the Illinois Basel coaches Hall of Fame, the Illinois Basket Players Hall of Fame and recipient of the Louis University Hall of Fame Distinguis Alumnae Award.

Senator Luechtefeld serves as vice chain of the Senate State Government Operat Committee. He is a member of the Agric & Conservation and Licensed Activities committees.

Throughout his tenure in the State Sena Senator Luechtefeld has fought to bring jobs to southern Illinois and to keep neighborhoods safe by getting tough on crime.

Senator Luechtefeld has worked to ensuthat Illinois' children receive a quality education and that Illinois schools are adequately funded. He also sponsored thistoric education funding reform law.

Senator Luechtefeld is originally from Li Grove. He and his wife, Flo, live in Okav They have three sons and one daughter



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